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Dear Mr. Breitenbach,

I wanted to give you some feedback on the your pending decisions regarding the CALFED-Delta Program.

I take quite a few trips yearly down through the Delta area as well as do much hiking in trailheads from Redding to Fresno that feed into the Delta area. Let's face it! The unrestricted farming has really hurt the Delta as have destructive water diversion projects from the past. Logging and other destructive practices have literally trashed habitats and streams from Redding down to Fresno.

Before long, you'll have to write off the Delta area and the Central valley watersheds if decisions continue to be controlled by poor, selfish political considerations. Future generations won't experience the beauties and uniqueness of the Delta and the Central Valley like I have.

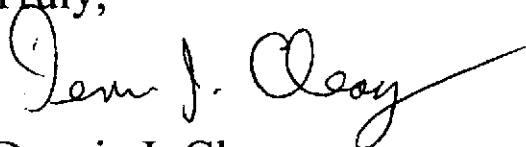
I would like you to consider in your planning efforts that water efficiency and conservation projects be based on sound facts rather than emotional arguments from lobbyists who work for other interests.

Removal of barrier dams and restriction of increased stream flows are paramount if future generations want to experience the many species of fish and wildlife that frequent the Delta-Great Valley confines. We need to protect salmon runs, smelt migrations, and stripper runs. We need to protect watershed for migratory birds, native snakes, salamanders, and owls.

Polluters have to be fined heavily and not tolerated. Off stream storage reservoirs should be discouraged and proposed dam raises should be stopped.

The Delta and great Valley areas are so special that money interests should be restricted from damaging all-important generational heritage that is essential for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program to make ecological and common sense. Please review my ideas and implement them in your upcoming decisions.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis J. Cleary", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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